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Dear Dr. Ray:

As you are aware, the Congress of Micronesia, at its recent session passed a Bill for an Act... "To provide for certain care and benefits to the people of Rongelap and Utirik Atolls exposed to the March 1, 1954, H-bomb test fallout; to provide for care and benefits to certain other people from Rongelap and Utirik, and for other purposes." This Bill became Public Law No. 5-52 on April 11, 1973, when it was approved by the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

My Office, over the past several months, has been in contact with the Division of Biomedical and Environmental Research, on matters relating to this measure. Under the provisions of Public Law No. 5-52, the Office of the High Commissioner is directed to seek an executive agreement with the Atomic Energy Commission whereby the expenses incurred under the provisions of the Act will be defrayed either directly or on a reimbursable basis by the Atomic Energy Commission. The Honorable Edward E. Johnston, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, has requested that I seek such an executive agreement with the Atomic Energy Commission on his behalf.

Under the Law also, the High Commissioner was directed to report his findings to the Congress of Micronesia no later than thirty days after the effective date of the Act. We reported by dispatch 0175 on May 10, 1973, to the High Commissioner that we had been in consultation with the Atomic Energy Commission on this matter. A copy of the dispatch was sent to your office.

On behalf of the High Commissioner, I am forwarding this official request for an executive agreement as set forth in Section 10 of

Public Law 5-52.

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Sincerely yours,

Stanley S. Carpenter
Director of Territorial Affairs

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REUR LETTER 27 APRIL ON SENATE BILL 89, S.D. 1, "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN CARE AND BENEFITS TO THE PEOPLE OF RONGELAP AND UTIRIK ATOLLS EXPOSED TO THE MARCH 1, 1954, H-BOMB FALLOUT; TO PROVIDE FOR CARE AND BENEFITS TO CERTAIN OTHER PEOPLE FROM RONGELAP AND UTIRIK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," WE HAVE BEEN IN CONSULTATION WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION ON YOUR BEHALF WITH RESPECT TO SECTION 10 AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE ACT. AEC CURRENTLY HAS THE MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION AND WE EXPECT TO MEET WITH AEC REPRESENTATIVES IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS THE ACT AND TO WORK OUT PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION. FULL REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED AFTER MEETING WITH AEC. SGD STANLEY S. CARPENTER. ROGERS

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